

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 19TH, 2012 A.D.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 19th day of April, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, BRUCE BENSON and his wife Jeanette reside in the Village of Hamburg and are the proud parents of a son, Christopher; and

WHEREAS, BRUCE BENSON graduated from high school in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, attended Mansfield University where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Music; attended the University at Buffalo, where he earned his Master of Music Degree; and attended the State University of New York at Fredonia, where he earned his Certificate of Advanced Study in School Administration; and

WHEREAS, BRUCE BENSON earned a fellowship at Yale University, studying brass chamber music with the New York Brass Quintet; and

WHEREAS, BRUCE BENSON began his teaching career as the band director in West Valley, New York, where he became involved in community activities, assisted in planning civic events, and has served as secondary principal at Forestville Central School, and for 13 years served as the director of the North Collins Junior and Senior High School bands; and

WHEREAS, BRUCE BENSON currently serves as principal of the Veronica E. Connor Middle School, where he was instrumental in the school's "Making The Grade" and placing as one of the Top 10 Middle Schools in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, BRUCE BENSON anticipates the challenges and rewards of his next career as he looks to the future and begins studies his call in become an ordained United Methodist minister.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature applauds **BRUCE BENSON** for being recognized as the Educator of the Year by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, and for his dedication to the Town of Grand Island as a teacher and community leader.

Kevin R. Hardwick
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Lynne Dixon
Erie County Legislator – 9th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County